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SESSION, APRIL 30, 1975

REF: PARIS 30174 OF DECEMBER 16, 1974

1. SUMMARY: HIGHLIGHTS OF 77TH BIE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING IN PARIS APRIL 30, 1975 WERE DECISION TO
INCREASE MEMBER COUNTRIES' DUES TO 1000 FRANCS PER PART
FOR CY 1975 WITH AGREEMENT THAT DELEGATES WOULD ASK
THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO APPROVE FURTHER INCREASE TO 1450
FRANCS PER PART FOR CY 1976, DECISION TO RELEASE FUNDS
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FOR PUBLICATION OF BULLETIN, ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPANISH

DELEGATION OF THEIR GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH BARCELONA UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION IN 1982, PROGRESS REPORT BY JAPANESE DELEGATION ON OKINAWA SPECIAL EXPOSITION TO OPEN JULY 20, 1975, AND APPROVAL OF GENERAL RULES FOR CANADIAN SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL FLORAL EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN QUEBEC IN 1976.

2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED DUES INCREASE FROM 936 FRANCS TO 1000 FRANCS "PER PART" FOR CY 1975 (THE U.S. PAYS 50 "PARTS"). RELEASE OF 26,000 FRANCS WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION OF BULLETIN, A LINE ITEM OF BUDGET WHICH WAS FROZEN AT 76TH SESSION. BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT NOTED UNEXPECTED INCREASE IN BIE EXPENDITURES FOR CY 1975 DUE TO INCREASED RENTAL COSTS OF CONFERENCE ROOMS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS AND EXPIRATION OF BUREAU'S LEASE IN MARCH 1975, WITH HIGHER RENTAL COSTS PROJECTED FOR NEXT 6-YEAR PERIOD.

3. GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED FIVE GENERAL PRINCIPLES RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR DETERMINING FUTURE BUDGETARY COSTS: RESERVE FUNDS SHOULD CORRESPOND TO 3 MONTHS OF CURRENT OPERATING COSTS; IN DETERMINING AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION, ONLY MEMBER COUNTRIES WHO EFFECTIVELY PAY THEIR DUES SHOULD BE COUNTED; ONLY EXPOSITIONS FOR WHICH REGISTRATION FEES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PAID SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT; NORMAL MAINTENANCE COSTS OF BUREAU SHOULD BE CONSIDERED; AND ADEQUATE FUNDS SHOULD BE SLOTTED FOR PUBLICATIONS. IN LINE WITH ABOVE PRINCIPLES, CY 1976 BUDGET FIGURE IS ESTIMATED AT 630,000 FRANCS, RESULTING IN 1450 FRANC FIGURE PER PART. DELEGATIONS AGREED TO ASK THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO ACCEPT DUES INCREASE TO 1450 FRANCS PER PART FOR CY 1976. PROPOSAL WILL BE VOTED UPON AT NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION IN DECEMBER 1975. AS REQUESTED IN PARIS A-143 OF APRIL 1, 1975, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR NEXT SESSION.

4. THE CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE PROJECT ON PROCEDURES AND TIME PERIODS TO BE OBSERVED IN REGISTERING AN UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPOSITION DATE WAS APPROVED, WITH THE COMPROMISE ARTICLE 5. (SEE PARIS A-121 OF MARCH 13, 1975). ARTICLE 5 IS THE RESULT OF U.S. PROPOSAL TO EXTEND PRE-ENQUETE PROCEDURE TO INCLUDE UNIVERSAL, AS WELL AS SPECIAL, EXPOSITIONS AND STATES THAT IN BOTH INSTANCES, ORGANIZING COUNTRY CAN SEND QUESTIONNAIRE THROUGH BIE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES BEARING ON ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSITION PROJECT. GOAL OF QUESTIONNAIRE IS TO

PROVIDE INDICATION TO ORGANIZING GOVERNMENT OF EVENTUAL
INTENTION OF MEMBER STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPOSITION.

5. GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED REVISED INTERNAL RULES OF
PROCEDURE FOR BIE, SUBMITTED BY RULES COMMITTEE (SEE
PARIS A-513 OF OCTOBER 4, 1974). PERMISSION GRANTED
TO RULES COMMITTEE TO STUDY PRESENT INTERNAL RULES

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GOVERNING VARIOUS COMMITTEES, WITH AIM OF COORDINATING
REGULATIONS TO COVER FOUR COMMITTEES.

6. BULLETIN AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT TOOK NOTE
OF FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS PUBLICATION OF INTERESTING,

COLORFUL BULLETIN AND LISTED ARTICLES SLATED TO APPEAR IN NEXT ISSUE. WITH FUNDS NOW RESTORED, PUBLICATION DEADLINE SET FOR NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. JAPANESE DELEGATION WAS URGED TO DRAFT ARTICLE ON OKINAWA. AT SUGGESTION OF BRITISH DELEGATE, MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE TO PREPARE LISTS OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES TO RECEIVE BULLETIN. REGARDING BROCHURE, REPORT URGED ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES WHO HAVE NOT DONE SO TO RATIFY NEW PROTOCOL TO ENABLE COMMITTEE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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PREPARE URGENTLY NEEDED UPDATED BROCHURE.

7. AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION REPORTED ON PROPOSAL TO ORGANIZE UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION COMMEMORATING 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF MODERN AUSTRALIA, BASED AROUND JANUARY 26, 1988 EXHIBITION DATE. EXHIBITION ORGANIZERS ARE PRESENTLY EXAMINING POSSIBLE SITES AND CONSULTING WITH STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES WITH EXPRESSED INTENTION THAT AT APPROPRIATE TIME, AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT CAN SUBMIT REGISTRATION REQUEST FOR UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION TO BIE, BACKED UP WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON PROPOSED EXPOSITION.

8. JAPANESE DELEGATION, REPORTING ON OKINAWA SPECIAL EXPOSITION SCHEDULED TO OPEN JULY 20, 1975, STATED THAT ALMOST ALL PAVILIONS HAVE NOW BEEN CONSTRUCTED WITH WORK BEGINNING ON INTERIOR DECORATION. THIRTY-TWO FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND FOUR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE.

9. SPANISH DELEGATION NOTED ITS REPORT TO LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION WHICH STATED IT WAS UNLIKELY BIE REGISTERED 1982 DATE FOR BARCELONA UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION COULD BE MAINTAINED DUE TO WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, FUEL SHORTAGE, AND SPAIN'S BUDGET DEFICIT. HOWEVER, IN LAST FEW WEEKS, SITUATION WAS REVIEWED AND GOVERNMENT NOW MORE OPTIMISTIC. THUS PREPARATIONS ARE BEGINNING FOR 1982 EXPOSITION. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. DELEGATION NOTED 1982 IS FINAL DATE; NO POSTPONEMENT WILL BE REQUESTED.

10. GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR BIE REGISTERED SPECIAL EXPOSITION "LES FLORALIES INTERNATIONALES DE 1976" TO TAKE PLACE MAY 15 - SEPTEMBER 19, 1976, AT BOIS-DE-COULONGE, IN QUEBEC, CANADA. CANADIAN DELEGATION URGED ALL BIE MEMBER NATIONS TO PARTICIPATE.

11. NEXT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING -- THE 78TH GENERAL

ASSEMBLY -- WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 1975.

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12. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS WAS A GOOD SESSION IN TERMS OF U.S. INTERESTS. THE UNITED STATES HAS GAINED INCREASED RECOGNITION IN BIE THROUGH THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP OF BULLETIN AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATION ON PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT COMMITTEE, THE CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE. SPECIAL EXPOSITION HELD IN SPOKANE, RECOGNIZED AS A GREAT SUCCESS BY THE BIE, AND INTEREST ON PART OF SEVERAL U.S. CITIES IN HOLDING SIMILAR EXPOSITIONS, FURTHER UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE OF ACTIVE U.S. ROLE IN BIE. IN THIS REGARD, U.S. BIE DELEGATES PLEASED THAT KING COLE, PRESIDENT OF SPOKANE EXPO '74, WAS ABLE PARTICIPATE IN SESSION AS OBSERVER.
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